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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, TD (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 2095
(B) STATE 176571

1. FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ACTIVITIES IN PORT OF SPAIN AUGUST 11-12.

(A) AUGUST 11, 1250 HOURS: ARRIVE PIARCO AIRPORT. AMBASSADOR AND PROTOCOL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BOARD PLANE AND ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG DOWN RAMP, AND MAKE FORMAL INTRODUCTION TO GOTT REPRESENTATIVES. NAMES OF WELCOMING OFFICIALS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN
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AVAILABLE. AFTER INTRODUCTIONS AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL PROCEED TO MICROPHONES TO MAKE SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL STATEMENT, PART WILL BOARD AUTOMOBILE CARAVAN WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND AMBASSADOR IN LEAD VEHICLE. BAGGAGE WILL BE OFFLOADED AND TRANSPORTED IN SEPARATE VEHICLES BYY EMBASSY STAFF. CARAVAN WILL PROCEED TO PORT OF SPAIN (APPROXIMATELY

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40-MINUTE TRIP) WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG GOING
DIRECTLY TO EMBASSQURESIDENCE AND REMAINDER OF PARTY
TO HILTON HOTEL WHERE CHECKING PROCEDURES AND ROOM
ASSIGNMENTS WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

1500 HOURS: CALL ON PRESIDENT ELLIS CLARKE AT
PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE. PARTY TO INCLUDE AMBASSADOR
YOUNG, FOUR MEMBERS OFHIS STAFF, PLUS APPROPRIATE EMBASSY
OFFICERS. PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESS COVERAGE WILL BE PERMITTED.
THIS CALL WILL BE PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL IN NATURE AND WILL
LAST APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES.

1630 HOURS: PUBLIC APPEARANCE. IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S WISHES, AS INDICATED IN PARA 9 OF REFTEL (B),
EMBASSY PROPOSES "TOWN HALL" TYPE MEETING WITH SELECTED GROUP
OF APPROXIMATELY 25 TRINIDADIANS REPRESENTING MOST IMPORTANT
SECTORS OF SOCIETY HERE. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT ON TRINIDADIAN
POPULACE WHICH IS SHOWING INTENSE INTEREST IN FORTHCOMING
VISIT, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS SESSION SHOULD BE TELE-
VISED, AND OBSERVED REPEAT OBSERVED BY INTERESTED
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. IDEA IS TO PROMOTE INFORMAL
GIVE AND TAKE AMONG PARTICIPANTS.

CONCURRENT WITH FOREGOING, DALLY AND USUN OFFICERS
WILL MEET WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIALS
INVOLVED IN MULTILATERAL ISSUES TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING UN
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MATTERS. VALDEZ AND BRESLIN COULD MEET WITH UNDP AUTH-
OITIES WHO ARE DESIROUS OF DISCUSSING VARIOUS
ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS HERE, OR CONDUCT OTHER
CONSULTATIONS AS THEY DESIRE.

1800 HOURSA:AMBASSADOR YOUNG RETURNS TO RESIDENCE FOR
BRIEF REST.

2000 HOURS: WORKING DINNER AT PRIME MINSTER'S
RESIDENCE. AS PRACTICE OF PM IS TO STRICTLY LIMIT ATTEN-
DANCE AT FUNCTIONS OF THIS TYPE, US SIDE CAN BE NO MORE THAN
FOUR PEOPLE, PLUS AMBASSADOR FOX AND DCM. NO PRESS COVERAGE
WILL BE PERMITTED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT PRIME MINISTER'S
INTEREST WILL FOCUS ON BROAD TOPICS SUCH AS EVOLVING US
PLICY IN CARIBBEAN, WHICH IS RECEIVING STRONG PRESS
INTEREST HERE, PLUS DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND
ELSEWHERE. WEBELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT WILLIAMS WILL WISH
TO DISCUSS IN ANY DETAIL SPECIFIC UN MATTERS.
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(B) AUGUST 12, 0800 HOURS: DEPART RESIDENCE FOR US EMBASSY. BRIEF GREETINGS TO ASSEMBLED EMBASSY STAFF, AFTER WHICH AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN A ADJCENT USIS AUDITORIUM.

0915 HOURS: PROCEED TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON. MEETING WOULD FOLLOWUP ON DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER, AS WELL AS TO CONSULT FURTHER ABOUT ISSUES DEVELOPED IN DALLEY CONSULTATION OF PREVIOUS DAY. DONALDSON OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS DICTATE THAT US PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MEETING BE LIMITED TO FOUR PERSONS.

ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS AS DESIRED BY VALDEZ AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL BE ARRANGED DURING 0900-1045 TIME PERIOD.
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1045 HOURS: DEPART FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE FOR

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PIARCO AIRPORT. CARS WILL ALSO LEAVE HILTON HOTEL AT
SAME TIME FOR MEMBERS OF PARTY NOT PARTICIPATING IN
MEETING WITH DONALDSON OR OTHER CONSULTATIONS.

1130 HOURS: ARRIVE PIARCO AIRPORT. AMBASSADOR
YOUNG MAKES BRIEF DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND TAKES LEAVE
OF TRINIDADIAN HOSTS.

1200 HOURS: AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FOR CARACAS.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE OF NAMES OF PARTY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR
YOUNG TO (A) CALL ON PRESIDENT CLARKE, (B) DINNER WITH
PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, AND (C) CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER
DONALDSON.

3. EMBASSY RESIDENCE CAN ACCOMMODATE AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, IF MR. COOKS SO WISHES.
WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR MCNULTY AND GLENNON.

4. SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR MRS. YOUNG IS BEING DEVELOPED
AND WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALONG WITH
ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL DETAILS.
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